

### **REMARKS**

Claims 18, 20-22, 24-25, 27-32, and 34-41 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-17, 19, 23, 26, and 33 were previously cancelled. Claims 22, 24, 27, 32, and 37 have been amended. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims in view of the following remarks.

#### **Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112**

The Examiner rejected Claims 18, 20-22, 24-25, 27-32, and 34-41 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Applicant respectfully disagrees, but does not fully understand the Examiner's rejection. However, to advance prosecution, Applicant has amended the independent claims to clarify the claimed invention. The amended claims are fully supported by the specification. For example, amended Claim 22 finds support in the specification at least in paragraphs 135-138 and 155-159 and Figs. 19-20 and 38-39 of the published application (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0071786). Amended Claim 24 finds support in the specification at least in paragraphs 139-147 and Figs. 21-25 and 27-30 of the published application. Amended Claim 27 finds support in the specification at least in paragraphs 139-147 and Figs. 21-26 of the published application. And, finally, amended Claim 32 finds support in the specification at least in paragraphs 145-147 and Figs. 26-30.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw this rejection.

### **CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, entry of this Amendment and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested. The undersigned is available for telephone consultation during normal business hours.

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